

ENROLLMENT OF PUPILS, ETC., IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TRANSMITTING, IN RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE OF MARCH 2, 1900, A STATEMENT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, SHOWING THE WHOLE ENROLLMENT OF PUPILS (INCLUDING NIGHT SCHOOLS), WHITE AND COLORED, CITY AND COUNTY, AND THE PER CENT OF INCREASE OF EACH, FROM JULY 1, 1885, TO JUNE 30, 1899, ETC.

MARCH 24, 1900.—Referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia and ordered to be printed.

OFFICE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, March 23, 1900.

DEAR SIR: The Commissioners of the District of Columbia have the honor to transmit herewith a statement by the superintendent of the public schools of said District, made, at their instance, in response to the resolution of the Senate dated the 2d instant, directing them to report to the Senate as follows:

The whole number of pupils enrolled and the average daily attendance of pupils in the public schools of the District of Columbia, and the total expenditures on account of the same for each of the fiscal years from the year ending June 30, 1885, to the year ending June 30, 1899, inclusive, and the percentage of increase or decrease in each of the items for each year of the period named.

Also, the total number of school readers of each grade in the Powell's normal series and also in the Franklin series, and the cost of each, and the total amount expended for Powell's normal readers and the total amount expended for Franklin readers since the introduction of free text-books into the public schools of the District of Columbia.

Very respectfully,

JOHN B. WIGHT,
President Board of Commissioners District of Columbia.

HON. WM. P. FRYE,
President pro tempore, United States Senate.

ENROLLMENT OF PUPILS IN DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

Showing the whole enrollment of pupils (including night schools), white and colored, city and county, and the per cent of increase of each, from July 1, 1885, to June 30, 1899.

Year ending June 30—	White.					
	City.		County.		Total.	
	Number.	Increase, per cent.	Number.	Increase, per cent.	Number.	Increase, per cent.
1886.....	119,242	.....	11,454	.....	120,696	.....
1887.....	20,417	6.10	1,497	2.95	21,914	5.88
1888.....	21,249	4.07	1,519	1.46	22,768	3.89
1889.....	21,937	3.23	1,621	6.71	23,558	3.47
1890.....	22,957	4.65	1,777	9.62	24,734	4.99
1891.....	23,949	4.32	1,888	6.24	25,837	4.45
1892.....	24,454	2.10	2,078	10.06	26,532	2.69
1893.....	24,260	20.79	2,210	6.35	26,470	20.23
1894.....	25,269	4.15	2,376	7.51	27,645	4.43
1895.....	25,514	0.96	2,468	3.87	27,982	1.21
1896.....	25,925	1.61	2,791	13.08	28,716	2.62
1897.....	26,067	0.54	3,045	9.10	29,112	1.37
1898.....	27,056	3.79	3,501	14.97	30,557	4.96
1899.....	27,610	2.04	3,779	7.94	31,389	2.72
Increases.....	8,368	43.48	2,325	159.09	10,693	51.66

Year ending June 30.	Colored.					
	City.		County.		Total.	
	Number.	Increase, per cent.	Number.	Increase, per cent.	Number.	Increase, per cent.
1886.....	110,138	.....	11,502	.....	121,640	.....
1887.....	11,045	8.94	1,703	13.38	12,748	9.51
1888.....	12,093	9.48	1,922	12.85	14,015	9.93
1889.....	12,250	1.29	2,020	5.09	14,270	1.81
1890.....	12,596	2.82	2,086	3.26	14,682	2.88
1891.....	13,527	7.39	2,241	7.43	15,768	7.39
1892.....	13,633	0.78	2,420	7.98	16,053	1.80
1893.....	13,644	0.08	2,327	3.84	15,971	20.51
1894.....	13,598	20.33	2,404	3.30	16,002	0.19
1895.....	13,811	1.64	2,337	2.78	16,158	0.97
1896.....	14,384	4.07	2,473	5.81	16,857	4.32
1897.....	14,274	20.76	2,529	2.26	16,803	20.32
1898.....	14,370	0.67	2,613	3.32	16,983	1.07
1899.....	14,178	21.33	2,780	6.39	16,958	20.14
Increases.....	4,040	39.85	1,278	85.08	5,318	45.68

¹ No night schools.

² Decrease.

Showing the average attendance, white and colored, and per cent of increase, from June 30, 1886, to June 30, 1899.

Year ending June 30.	White.		Colored.		Total.	
	Number.	Increase, per cent.	Number.	Increase, per cent.	Number.	Increase, per cent.
1886.....	116,266	.....	18,764	.....	125,030	.....
1887.....	16,918	4.00	9,532	8.76	26,450	5.67
1888.....	17,228	1.83	10,288	7.93	27,516	4.03
1889.....	18,050	4.77	10,585	2.88	28,635	4.06
1890.....	18,417	2.03	10,854	2.54	29,271	2.22
1891.....	18,887	2.55	11,341	4.48	30,228	3.26
1892.....	19,243	1.88	11,674	2.93	30,917	2.27
1893.....	19,417	0.90	11,855	1.55	31,272	1.14
1894.....	20,559	5.88	12,040	1.56	32,599	4.24
1895.....	20,755	0.95	11,704	22.79	32,459	20.42
1896.....	21,337	2.80	12,227	4.46	33,564	3.40
1897.....	22,207	4.07	12,436	1.70	34,643	3.21
1898.....	23,080	3.93	12,668	1.86	35,748	3.18
1899.....	23,078	(²)	11,980	25.43	35,058	21.93
Increase.....	6,812	41.87	3,216	36.69	10,028	40.06

¹ No night schools.

² Decrease.

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Amounts expended in the public schools from July 1, 1885, to June 30, 1899.

Year ending June 30—	Amount expended.	Per cent of increase.
1886	\$546,060.91	.....
1887	592,666.37	8.53
1888	809,039.87	36.51
1889	970,506.10	19.95
1890	905,410.50	16.70
1891	938,916.60	3.70
1892	998,882.05	6.38
1893	863,141.86	113.59
1894	939,701.70	8.87
1895	958,373.40	1.98
1896	1,120,098.53	16.87
1897	1,130,119.77	.89
1898	1,140,716.48	.93
1899	1,164,734.10	2.10

¹ Decrease.

Comparative growths—June 30, 1886, to June 30, 1899.

	Per cent.
Growth of the city (estimated)	38.42
Growth of the schools	49.51
White:	
City	43.48
County	159.90
Total	51.66
Colored:	
City	39.85
County	85.08
Total	45.68

Number and kinds of readers purchased, the cost per dozen, and the total cost, from July 1, 1891, to June 30, 1899.

NORMAL PRIMER.

Year ending June 30—	Number of books.	Cost per dozen.	Total cost.
1892	6,132	\$1.80	\$919.80
1893	312	1.80	46.80
1894	1,236	1.79	184.37
1895	2,580	1.79	384.85
1896	804	1.75	117.25
1897	1,716	1.72	245.96
1898	1,908	1.85	294.15
1899			
Total	14,688	.....	2,193.18

NORMAL FIRST.

1892	6,325	\$2.40	\$2,265.00
1893	234	2.40	46.80
1894	900	2.39	179.25
1895	1,392	2.39	277.24
1896	504	2.35	98.70
1897	1,764	2.33	342.51
1898	4,368	2.46	895.44
1899			
Total	15,487	3,104.94

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Number and kind of readers purchased, the cost per dozen, and the total cost, from July 1, 1891, to June 30, 1899—Continued.

FRANKLIN FIRST.

Year ending June 30—	Number of books.	Cost per dozen.	Total cost.
1892.....	6,060	\$2.29	\$1,156.45
1893.....	192	1.89	30.24
1894.....	516	2.23	95.89
1895.....	396	2.45	80.85
1896.....	72	2.21	13.26
1897.....	924	2.19	168.63
1898.....	2,964	2.46	607.62
1899.....			
Total	11,124	.....	2,152.94

NORMAL SECOND.

1892.....	3,472	\$3.60	\$1,041.60
1893.....	84	3.60	25.20
1894.....	1,152	3.59	344.64
1895.....	1,943	3.59	581.28
1896.....	1,068	3.56	316.84
1897.....	1,152	3.50	336.00
1898.....	3,756	3.68	1,151.84
1899.....	48	3.46	13.84
Total	12,675	.....	3,811.24

FRANKLIN SECOND.

1892.....	2,616	\$3.45	\$752.10
1893.....	84	3.35	23.45
1894.....	552	3.34	153.64
1895.....	1,188	3.67	363.33
1896.....	912	3.32	252.32
1897.....	996	3.28	272.24
1898.....	2,604	3.67	796.39
1899.....	204	3.46	58.82
Total	9,156	.....	2,672.29

NORMAL THIRD.

1892.....	3,000	\$4.80	\$1,200.00
1893.....	72	4.80	28.80
1894.....	624	4.79	249.08
1895.....	1,423	4.79	568.01
1896.....	690	4.75	261.25
1897.....	1,021	4.72	401.59
1898.....	1,164	4.91	476.27
1899.....	1,500	4.80	600.00
Total	9,464	.....	3,785.00

FRANKLIN THIRD.

1892.....	3,020	\$4.79	\$1,205.48
1893.....	72	4.74	28.44
1894.....	96	4.72	37.76
1895.....	672	5.10	285.60
1896.....	804	4.66	312.22
1897.....	1,068	4.58	407.62
1898.....	1,224	5.10	520.20
1899.....	1,820	5.00	550.00
Total	8,276	3,347.32

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NORMAL FOURTH.

Year ending June 30—	Number of books.	Cost per dozen.	Total cost.
1892.....	2,748	\$6.00	\$1,374.00
1893.....	2,220	6.00	1,110.00
1894.....	276	5.99	137.77
1895.....	3,120	5.99	1,557.40
1896.....	168	5.95	83.30
1897.....	1,368	5.85	666.90
1898.....	1,896	6.12	966.96
1899.....	2,712	6.00	1,566.00
Total	14,508	.....	7,252.33

FRANKLIN FOURTH AND INTERMEDIATE.

1892.....	11,968	\$5.75	\$943.00
1893.....	² 1,920	5.10	816.00
1894.....	¹ 120	5.65	56.50
1895.....	² 156	5.09	66.17
1896.....	636	6.12	324.36
1897.....	744	5.58	345.96
1898.....	906	5.48	413.74
1899.....	948	6.12	483.48
1899.....	1,116	6.00	558.00
Total	8,514	.....	4,007.21

NORMAL FIFTH.

1893.....	.....	.....	.....
1894.....	2,460	\$8.39	\$1,719.95
1895.....	156	8.39	109.07
1896.....	168	8.35	116.90
1897.....	924	8.20	631.40
1898.....	348	8.58	284.82
1899.....	372	6.40	198.40
Total	4,428	.....	3,024.54

FRANKLIN FIFTH.

1893.....	\$1,704	\$7.98	\$1,133.16
1894.....	144	7.95	95.40
1895.....	.....	.....	.....
1896.....	324	7.80	210.60
1897.....	228	7.70	146.30
1898.....	198	8.58	141.57
1899.....	312	8.07	209.82
Total	2,910	.....	1,936.85

¹ Fourth Readers only.

² Intermediate Readers only.

